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NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN INPUT NEEDED
City Staff is in the stages of developing the Golden Heights/Golden Hills Neighborhood Plan and would like your input. As part of the overall Golden Vision 2030 Plan, this neighborhood plan will establish parameters for types of transportation improvements, public amenities, and help guide any future land use changes in the area.

While the focus will be on the Golden Heights and Golden Hills neighborhoods, the larger area will include the Sixth Avenue West Annexation area, located at the southeast corner of 6th Avenue and Indiana, the Golden Heights/Golden Hills neighborhoods, Foothills Industries, and Overlook, which is located south of Golden Heights/Golden Hills along the east side of I-70.

Please join City staff for an open house to discuss issues brought up at the kickoff open house, which was held back in October, and help to provide comments during the development of this plan. For questions or comments, email planningcommission@cityofgolden.net or call 303-384-8097.

Open House:
Monday, March 31, 5 to 7 p.m.
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
(Conference Rooms A&B)
15200 W. 6th Avenue

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE
The City of Golden now offers online bill pay for your water bill. Logon to https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/goldenco. There you will be taken through the steps to pay your utility bill, along with the terms and conditions of using the program. There is a small fee for this service. The City plans to also add online municipal court payments very soon. For questions, call 303-384-8026.

FREE TAX HELP OFFERED AT JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) now offers free tax preparation assistance to individuals who need help filing their tax returns. Each year the JCPL partners with AARP to offer free counseling and preparation assistance to all taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older.

IRS-certified volunteers will be on hand to help people on a walk-in basis at the Arvada, Belmar, Columbine, Lakewood and Standley Lake Libraries, and by appointment at the Evergreen and Golden Libraries. Space is limited for this popular series, so patrons are encouraged to arrive early. Location, time and date information can be found at jeffcolibrary.org/research/taxes.

The Library will also offer open computer times at the Belmar Library’s Computer Training Center to file taxes online. In addition, a limited selection of printed copies of State and Federal tax forms and instruction books will be available at all JCPL locations while supplies last. Additional resources on tax information and tax help can be found at jeffcolibrary.org/research/taxes.

Below is Golden City Council’s monthly calendar. Meetings are held on Thursdays and begin at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted.

March 6
No meeting

March 13
Regular business meeting

March 20
Rescheduled regular business meeting

March 27
No meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
The wonderful holiday lights in downtown Golden are now a memory, but they will be replaced soon by an even more welcome form of light -- natural sunlight. Daylight Savings Time officially starts on March 9. As Winston Churchill put it, "an extra yawn one morning in the springtime . . . is all that we ask in return for dazzling gifts. We borrow an hour one night in [March]; we pay it back with golden interest [several] months later."

And even though we'll be shoveling snow for a few more weeks, underneath that snow cover, Golden is beginning to sprout, bud, and bloom. We can think ahead to Spring Break, after-work gardening, and neighborhood gatherings. (In fact, eager neighbors in my neighborhood have already set a block-party date.)

Golden city council is looking and planning ahead, too. In February, we held a retreat to work on our priorities for the next two-year period. For a full Saturday, we addressed numerous city issues. We talked about how we wanted to work with each other, residents and business owners, and the region as a whole.

We spent time recounting the many things that went right for the city during the preceding two-year period. If we had been accompanied by music, our theme song could have been “Cars, Trains, Bikes, and Things That Go.” The 2013 Golden/CDOT agreement was historic, memorializing the Golden Plan for the U.S. 6/State Highway 93 corridor and sealing in elements we’ve fought for so long. With $20 million in funding from CDOT, a Golden-designed intersection at 19th Street and U.S. 6 will be taking shape in the near future. And the light-rail line and Call N Ride bus, plus local improvements to bike and pedestrian travel have added welcome transportation options for Golden residents, workers, and students.

Transportation was not the only area where Golden found success. With the efforts of councilors, board members, and staff, the City formed strong bonds with Golden schools and libraries, enhanced the Clear Creek corridor experience, improved playgrounds, worked on communications, moved significantly closer to our sustainability goals, and encouraged primary employers to build or expand in Golden. And, of course, Golden continued its unparalleled efforts at providing basic governmental services to our residents.

We were also frank in evaluating the things that went wrong and distilled "lessons learned" from these situations. At base, breakdowns occurred when those most affected by city decisions did not receive or understand specific factual information about the issue and their opportunities to weigh in on the matter.

Then councilors' ideas for priorities for the next two-year period began to flow. However, the day ended -- and we were evicted from our meeting room -- before we could refine and finalize a set of priority goals.

In early spring, council will reach definite, actionable priorities that are in line with the Golden vision.

The sun always shines on the proceedings of the Golden City Council, including our efforts to arrive at our priorities. Please watch our meetings on Channel 8 or the City website, ask for information and materials, and contribute your ideas for the good of Golden.
The pedestrian bridge linking the West Rail station near the Jefferson County Administrative Complex with the South Neighborhoods areas is now open. It is a convenient pedestrian/bike connection for commuters as well as area residents. City Council and Jefferson County Commissioners celebrated the bridge opening on Jan. 31.

If you have a landline or have signed up for emergency notifications, you can expect a call, text or email on Wednesday, March 5. The test will begin at 9 a.m. and will likely take several hours to hit all of the numbers in the system.

Jefferson and Broomfield counties emergency services agencies, including law enforcement, fire and EMS, are working together to test this emergency notification system called CodeRED. The CodeRED system is used by emergency services agencies to help disseminate information regarding critical incidents. You can also elect to sign up for severe weather warnings through this system.

Landlines are automatically included in CodeRED notifications, but residents and businesses are encouraged to visit the CodeRED registration website at your911.net to add additional contact information including cell phone numbers, SMS (text) and email address preferences. This is especially important for those addresses without a landline, as these individuals must register if they want to receive emergency notifications.

If you would like more information about the test notification process, call Golden’s non-emergency dispatch number, 303-384-8045.

Expanded Service for Golden’s Green Buses

Golden’s Call-n-Ride ridership has surpassed RTD’s expectations since its launch in April 2013, and RTD has recently responded by adding a third bus to the system to meet demand and improve service. A second Call-n-Ride roaming bus was added to the system in January, allowing the third bus serving the flex route (shown on map) to also expand and serve more destinations.

The flex route bus now goes further down South Golden Road to serve the apartments, houses and businesses along the corridor, including the King Soopers shopping plaza. Other destinations now served include Bell Middle School and the Golden Pointe apartments on 10th Avenue and Ulysses Street, before the bus returns to the Jefferson County campus and the Golden light rail station and begins the 30 minute loop again. For more information, or to reserve a ride, call the Golden Call-n-Ride at 303-519-9162.
The ice flows in December caused Clear Creek to flow out of its banks in several locations. After the flows receded we discovered that the Clear Creek trail west of 6th Avenue that connects the city to JeffCo’s Grant Terry Park had been severely eroded and that the City’s primary raw water diversion pipeline, which is buried under the trail, had been exposed in two locations.

The line remained intact and Golden has an alternative point of diversion closer to the water plant, so the water supply was never in danger, but the pipeline needs to be reburied before spring runoff and the high demand irrigation season.

The project began in February and should be complete by the beginning of April, and the trail will be closed during construction. The existence of an endangered species of orchid limits construction activities to the trail itself. Diverting off the trail into orchid habitat to get around construction will also be prohibited, so please plan your hiking, running, and climbing activities in another location during this period.
As mentioned in the December/January Informer, a destructive insect known as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in Boulder in September 2013. Since then the insect has been found in several other sites in that city and it is not certain how widespread the infestation may be. Boulder and the Colorado Department of Agriculture continue to search for evidence of the borer and 16 ash trees have been removed at the CU-Boulder campus.

It has become apparent that the EAB now presents an increasing threat to Golden’s population of approximately 15,000 ash trees, especially since the landfill several miles north of our city along Hwy 93 (which has been included in the state-mandated quarantine area) will likely be receiving infested ash tree material in the relatively near future.

Although we emphasize that this insect has not been found in Golden as of January this year, the history of this insect’s movement into 22 other states has shown that, without treatment, entire populations of ash trees are almost inevitably killed, and it is important for residents to understand the treatment options available. Chemical treatments have been proven effective and, because they are relatively inexpensive to apply, property owners with ash trees which they do not want to lose should be aware that now is not too early to consider applying a preventative treatment.

Anyone interested in protecting their ash tree, either green ash or white ash (common names: Marshall Seedless, Summit, Autumn Purple, Patmore), should consult with a certified arborist, a licensed pesticide applicator and/or the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture website: [www.eabcolorado.com](http://www.eabcolorado.com). The most effective chemical treatment involves trunk injection, which requires a trained applicator. The simplest treatment, available at hardware stores and garden shops, utilizes a controversial chemical imidacloprid, which some environmentally sensitive people may wish to avoid. For further information regarding the best chemical treatments, visit [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). Treatments are most effectively applied mid-April to mid-May.

The City of Golden intends to conduct an on-going search for evidence of the EAB in our community into the foreseeable future. If you are uncertain whether a tree you value on your property is an ash or not, or if you would permit branches from your ash tree to be removed for sampling, we will be compiling a list of properties to visit in 2014 and beyond. Please contact the city’s Forestry office at 303-384-8141 or dhigh@cityofgolden.net.

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**START THAT SPRING CLEANING**

March is a great time to start looking around your home, garage and yard to see what items you want to toss. The City of Golden will hold its annual Community Pride Days on May 3 and 4 to help you get rid of your unwanted trash. This is a courtesy provided by the City to Golden residents each year. Look for more details on Community Pride Days in the April Informer.

To help you get ready, here is a list of items we will accept:

- Household trash
- Electronic waste
- Unlimited paper shredding
- Metal recycling
- Tires
- Tree brush

Items NOT accepted:

- Propane tanks
- Batteries
- Pharmaceuticals
- Hazardous waste
The Golden Fire Department workforce is made up of 90 percent volunteers; which makes their efforts in 2013 even more impressive. The Golden Fire Department recently recognized the outstanding work of its firefighters.

**Firefighter Awards**

**Years of Service Awards**

- **5 Years** – Jason Fritch, Jason Mulari, Mason Prince, Dan Roozen, Dustin Schissler, Sean Stull and Chad Wachs.
- **10 years** – Joe Gross

**Firefighter of the Year**

Chad Wachs

**Recruit Firefighter of the Year**

Tim Hinkle

**Federal Disaster Service Award**

For working 19 hours assisting in evacuations of residents in Coal Creek Canyon and Boulder County who were trapped by the severe floods in September. Then they helped to evacuate the Clear Creek RV Park when flood waters threatened Golden. Presented to Deputy Chief Jerry Stricker; Asst. Chief Bob Burrell; Captains Jeanette Kehoe and Wes Polk; Lieutenants Ben Moline, Jeff Steinhoff, Chad Wachs and Matt Kasriel; Engineers Mason Prince, Dan Roozen and John Johnson; Firefighters Daniel Glynn, Michael Jojola, Jon-Daniel Rotzoll, Zeljko Spiric, Zach McCready, James Rudnicki-Vasquez and Jared Stricker and Administrative Coordinator Debbie Testroet.

**Unit Citations**

- **#1** – For their actions to save a teen’s life – awarded to Captain Phil Cordova, Engineer Ryan Smith and Firefighters Casey Dragos, Derek Ferchau, Ryan Masica, Mitchell Sturm and Jeff Hulse.
- **#2** – For performing a high angle rescue in the dark on North Table Mountain – awarded to Asst. Chiefs Bob Burrell and Aaron Giesick; Captains Tina Gustafson, Jeanette Kehoe and Wes Polk; Lt. Matt Kasriel; Engineer Craig Weimer; and Firefighters Jeff Cole, Case Collard, Rick Gonzales and Tim Hinkle.
- **#3** – For quickly triaging multiple victims in a head-on collision between an SUV and a casino bus on U.S. 6 – awarded to Asst. Chiefs Rocco Snart, Aaron Giesick and Bob Burrell; Lt. Jeff Steinhoff and Lt. Ben Moline; Engineers JJ Risch and Kevin Milan; and Firefighters Maria Valenzuela, Joseph Trujillo and Daniel Glynn.
- **#4** – For using extraordinary measures in severe weather to rescue victims of a rollover crash – awarded to Captain Jeanette Kehoe; Deputy Fire Marshal Steven Parker; Inspector Kevin Kirby; Lieutenants Matt Kasriel, Ben Moline and Chad Wachs; Engineer Doug Holschbach; and Firefighters Jessica Crump, Joseph Trujillo and Jeljko Spiric.
- **#5** – For braving icy waters to rescue a person trapped in a car that went into Clear Creek – awarded to Acting Battalion Chief Gerard Lutz, Engineer John Johnson, and Firefighters Daniel Casey and Ryan Masica.

**Award of Honor**

For rescuing a person from a vehicle in the creek and also mitigate hot asphalt oil from an overturned tanker truck from spilling into Clear Creek – awarded to Acting Battalion Chief Gerard Lutz, Engineer John Johnson, and Firefighters Lee North, Kyle Shelton and Colin Winter.
A re barbeque grills allowed in parks? What about fire pits at my house? The Golden Fire Department (GFD) gets a lot of these types of questions each year. Not all outdoor fires in the City of Golden are illegal, unless there is an explicit ban on all types of fires during periods of extreme fire danger. Outside of fire bans, the GFD relies on the 2012 International Fire Code, adopted by the City of Golden, to define and regulate recreational fires.

The Code defines four kinds of outdoor fires: open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces. Open burning is the burning of materials outside of an enclosed chamber. Open burning is used for vegetation or wildfire mitigation control. Bonfires are smaller than open burning fires and larger than recreational fires and are used for ceremonial purposes only. Both open burning and bonfires require permits and approval from the GFD and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment Air Pollution Program.

Recreational fires are smaller fires where the fuel pile size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height. Recreational fires are not to be used to dispose of yard waste; that means rubbish and other vegetation cannot be used as fuel for recreational fires. Recreational fires are used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Recreational fires need to be 25 feet from a structure or combustible material such as your neighbor’s wood fence, storage shed or firewood piles. Portable outdoor fireplaces, chimineas or ground pits covered with mesh screen are allowed and the 25 foot clearance is reduced to 15 feet.

For any type of outdoor fire, you’re required to have someone watching the fire at all times; you must have at least one fire extinguisher or other fire-extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck available.

Keep in mind, the GFD can order a fire extinguished at any time for a variety of reasons including wind, weather, air quality or neighbor complaints. GFD recommends that you call our non-emergency dispatch number, 303-384-8045, before you start an outdoor fire, so that fire crews don’t mistake it for an emergency situation.

YOUR GOLDEN PHOTOS WANTED!

Pictures of your family, friends and colleagues in Golden could be part of a giant community mural that will go up on the side of the CoorsTek building along Washington Avenue. As many as ten thousand images will be used in the mosaic that will become a beautiful picture of North and South Table Mountains.

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) is collecting the pictures. They must be photos in Golden, past or present, and nothing inappropriate will be accepted. Here are the guidelines:

- Limit of 10 pictures per person.
- Images must be in JPEG format, and between 1.5MB and 12MB in size.
- Images must be in focus.
- Images must be submitted by a person legally authorized to use and distribute the images.
- You may submit images taken at any time in history as long as they were taken in Golden.
- Those submitting must either reside or work in Golden.
- All photos must follow this naming convention:
  - Last name_First name_Brief description_Image number 1-10.jpg
  (Ex: Doe_John_Familyphoto_2.jpg)

To submit images for the community mural, email your named pictures to: GoldenPortrait@artonthebrix.com. For questions, email elyse@gura.com. The deadline for submissions is May 31.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Through March 9
Parallel Lives
This comedy features two actresses playing over 30 different characters. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. For tickets and information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through March 16
Colorado Clay
See fine art made out of clay from Colorado artists. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. For information on hours, tickets, lectures and artist demonstrations, visit www.foothillsartcenter.org or call 303-279-3922.

Through April 29
Quilts Made by Men
The “MANifestations” exhibit highlights the diversity and skill of men who quilt. Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, 1213 Washington Ave. For details call 303-277-0377 or visit www.rmqm.org.

March 1
Coffee with a Councilor
Enjoy coffee and conversation with some of your City Councilors at 10 a.m. at Bean Fosters, 720 Golden Ridge Rd. For details call Councilor Saoirse Charis-Graves at 303-709-7529 or scharisgraves@cityofgolden.net.

March 6
GHS Ensemble Concert
The Golden High School Concert Band and String Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. Suggested donation of $3. For details contact Katharine Parker at khparker@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4187.

March 9
Daylight Saving Time

March 13
GHS Spring Choir Concert
The Golden High School choir will perform at 7 p.m. in the GHS auditorium, 701 24th St. For details, contact Angela Becker at abecker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

March 17
St. Patrick’s Day
St. Patty’s Celebration
A Masonic event including Celtic dancers, bagpipers, food and fun. 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Masonic Temple, 400 10th St. A $10 donation is requested and reservations are required by March 14. Call 303-278-7362 for reservations.

March 20
First Day of Spring

March 23
Jefferson Symphony Orchestra Concert
Winners of the Jefferson Symphony International Young Artists Competition perform. 3 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Green Center, 924 16th St. For details visit www.jeffsymphony.org.

FREE
Sales and Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
March 5, 2014 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.
April 2, 2014 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

FREE
Building Use Tax Workshop
The City of Golden is hosting a FREE Building Use Tax Workshop taught by our professional staff of auditors. Class is geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
May 7, 2014 .......... 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Class is free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net.
Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
Golden doesn’t have the high crime rate that many other cities have to deal with. Because of that, our officers have an opportunity to do a lot more “community policing.” In many cases, our officers took advantage of the opportunity to go above and beyond in assisting citizens with problems both big and small. In mid-February, officers were awarded for their efforts by the Golden Police Department. Here are a few examples of the exemplary work they did in 2013.

**HELPING THE HOMELESS**

Officers found a homeless man sleeping in one of the City’s flower planters. Upon running his name through their database, they found out that his mother in Nebraska had been trying to locate him, and that he had more than 30 previous encounters with police. The man had mental and drug issues and needed help. Sgt. Matthew Porter worked hard to locate the man’s family and with help from Police Chaplain Kevin Shive, was able to get him back to his family in Nebraska and into a treatment facility that helps homeless men get back on their feet.

**NEVER OFF DUTY**

Golden Police Officer Mark Donohue and Colorado School of Mines Officer Cody Schroeder were working out at a gym when they heard a call over the PA system, “Code blue, treadmills.” Both quickly went to the treadmill area to find a man face down suffering from cardiac arrest. Officer Donohue immediately began CPR while Officer Schroeder located an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). He then put the electrical pads on the victim and the AED shocked his heart twice, which brought the man back to life. If it weren’t for their quick actions, the man would not be alive.

**GOLDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**Leading by Example**
Dispatcher Bess Joyce and Dispatcher Shanyn Cascia

**Community Oriented Policing Award**
Officer Derek Hall

**Chief’s Star Award**
Officers Frank Barr and Derek Hall
Volunteer Jack Ferndelli
Park Ranger Roger Tremont
CSM Officer Cody Schroeder
Sgt. Chad St Aubin
Officers Adam Zutman and Jonathan Skigen

**Life Saving Award**
Officer Mike Gutke
Reserve Officer Trent John
Officer Frank Barr
Officer Mark Donohue
CSM Officer Cody Schroeder

**Professional Conduct Award**
Sgt. Matt Porter
Chaplain Kevin Shive
Volunteer Lee Berti
Dispatcher Shanyn Cascia

**Meritorious Service Medal**
Officer Jenny Pyler-Lepro

**Medal of Valor**
Officer Mike Gutke

**Employee of the Year**
Sgt. Marcus Williams
Guide the City Budget

Have you ever wondered about how the City builds and maintains a sustainable budget? Do you know why the City stays fiscally responsible while also providing all of the amenities we enjoy? If so, you have an opportunity to not only learn about the annual budget, but also help advise city staff on where money should be spent.

The Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) is open to any Golden resident. No application is necessary. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 a.m. and usually ending by 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers, 911 10th St. There are nine meetings in a year and if you attend at least five, you become a member!

The first meeting of the year is March 19 at 7:30 a.m. Coffee and a light breakfast are provided. If you would like more information, contact Denise Hish at dhish@cityofgolden.net.

RIDE THE ROCKIES COMING TO GOLDEN!

The City of Golden has been selected as the overall finish city for the 2014 Denver Post Ride the Rockies bicycle tour and we’re excited to have the opportunity to once again showcase our vibrant community. The tour is scheduled for June 7 - 13. Staff is in the early stages of the planning events to welcome riders and their supporters to our community on Friday, June 13. If you would like to help in the event planning, please contact Julie Brooks at jbrooks@cityofgolden.net or 303-384-8013. More information about the race can be found at www.ridetherockies.com.

The Denver Post Ride the Rockies is a six-day bicycle tour of Colorado’s beautiful scenery. Nearly 4,000 applications are expected from riders hoping to be one of 2,000 riders randomly selected in a lottery. All proceeds from Ride the Rockies benefit the Denver Post Community Foundation, who then distributes money to non-profits throughout Colorado.
Nominations Open For 2014 Golden Sustainability Awards

Do you know someone who is a stand-out supporter of sustainability? Someone who is vigilant about energy conservation or recycles that last bit of material? The Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) is soliciting nominations for outstanding individuals and groups who have committed their efforts toward achieving a more sustainable city. The City is looking for nominations for the following categories:

- Student
- Individual
- Business
- Community Group

Nominations are open through March 21 and applications can be found at www.cityofgolden.net/links/Sustainability. For more information, contact Theresa Worsham at 303-384-8117 or tworsham@cityofgolden.net.

Save Water and Beautify Your Lawn

Time to order your Garden-in-a-Box (GIAB) for spring! These are xeric gardens intended to simplify water-wise gardening at a relatively low cost. For many years, the City of Golden has partnered with the Center for ReSource Conservation to provide these plants to Golden residents. GIAB products provide a 70 to 100 square foot garden with professional “plant-by-number” designs, a selection of 15-29 ready to plant perennials in 4-inch pots, and planting and care instructions.

Beginning March 3 you can order online at GardeninaBoxCO.org. You can pick up your GIABs at the Greener Golden event on Saturday, May 10. Look for more details in the April Informer. Questions? Call 303-999-3820 x.222.

LEARN ABOUT WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING

Each spring, the City partners with the Center for ReSource Conservation to offer seminars on the how-to’s of Xeriscaping and other water-wise landscape practices. Seminars are FREE and open to anyone. Register at http://ConservationCenter.org/water-home/water-wise-landscape-seminars/ or by calling 303-999-3820.

- **Pollinators and Xeriscaping**
  - Monday, April 14, 6 to 8 p.m.
  - at the Golden Community Center

- **Low Water Tips and Tricks** by Kenton Seth
  - Thursday, April 14, 6 to 8 p.m.
  - at the Golden Community Center

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2014 Claim Form for 2013 Sales Tax Refund

The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2013 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return. The refund amount for 2013 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden and partial year at age 65.

Please check one box only:

- Senior Refund (must be 65 years or older)
- Low Income Refund
  Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of Medicaid benefits
  - Proof of LEAP eligibility
  - Proof of eligibility for food stamps
- Disabled Refund
  Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
  - State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
  - Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
  - Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s).
Age: __________________ Date of Birth: __________________
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Age: __________________ Date of Birth: __________________
Address: __________________ Golden, CO ZIP: ________
Phone: __________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2013? _____ months
Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form? yes no

Signature: __________________ Signature: __________________

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2014.

Refund Donation Option:
You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:

- Golden Volunteer Fire Department
- Golden Cemetery
- Golden Senior Front Porch
- Other City program or department (please identify): ____________________________

Office Use Only:
Account #013031-6190 STR Vendor # _________ Received _________ Payable _________
Celebrate Health!

Friday, March 7

Celebrate Health! is a monthly wellness program featuring a variety of healthy living opportunities for adults of all ages. The first Friday of each month we offer free blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments and presentations on a variety of wellness topics. For more information or to make an appointment for one of our services, please call 303-384-8130.

Chair massages .......... $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology sessions .......... $13 for 15 minutes

Mah Jongg Lessons

6 week class starts March 11, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Lessons take place in the Front Porch every Tuesday. Lessons are $10 (one time fee). Call the Front Porch to sign up as space is limited, 303-384-8130.

Computer Training for Life-long Learning

These introductory computer classes are presented for FREE by the Jefferson County Public Library. Each class is designed to accommodate all skill levels! Space is limited, Min/Max: 4/8. Sign up in the Front Porch or call 303-384-8130. Classes are held in the library’s book mobile in the Golden Community Center’s 8th St. parking lot.

Mondays, 1-3 p.m. on the E-Train
March 3 - Excel Basics
March 10 - iPad Basics
March 17 - Social Networking Basics

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Mark Diamond Trio, Brazilian Jazz - #35015-1
We will make a trip to the Broomfield Auditorium and before the show we will go to dinner.

Wednesday, March 5
4 to 9 p.m.
$10 (Van, show included. Bring money for dinner.)
Exertion Level: 2
Register/Cancel by March 2.

Snow Shoe Trip - #35016-1
By Request! Join Mike O’Dorisio as he takes us on a snowshoe adventure! Snowshoe rentals are available for an additional fee for those who do not bring their own. Bring your lunch and plenty of water. Location to be determined.

Monday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$15 (van, escort included. Bring your own lunch.)
Exertion Level: 5
Register/Cancel by March 5.

Byers-Evans House Museum - #35017-1
The Byers-Evans House was home to two prominent Denver families and is one of the city’s most historic landmarks. Built in 1883, it has been beautifully restored to the period between 1912 and 1924. We will have lunch after the tour.

Friday, March 21, 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.
$15 (van, bring money for lunch)
Exertion Level: 3
Register/Cancel by March 17.

Check out the Golden Community Center’s Front Porch - designed specifically for people 50 and older.

The Front Porch offers respite and entertainment, coffee, healthy snacks and cookies. There is a full schedule of games, sports, social events, trips and volunteer activities. Shoot some pool, surf the internet, work on a puzzle, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class.

Here’s what’s happening this month:

For more information:
• Stop by The Front Porch, upstairs at the Community Center, 1470 10th St.;
• Call 303-384-8130;
• Subscribe to the Front Porch Newsletter ($8/year);
• Check out the Recreation brochure; or
• Visit www.cityofgolden.net/links/frontporch.

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School-Aged Summer Camp Online Lottery
The Golden Community Center offers a Jr. Summer Day Camp (ages 5-8 years) and Adventure Summer Day Camp (ages 9-12 years). Our state licensed summer camp programs are full days with drop off between 8 to 9:30 a.m. and pick up between 4 to 6 p.m.

**Lottery Registration Dates:**
- **Residents** March 10-11
- **Non-Residents** March 17-18

Camp Emergency Packet and immunization records must be submitted to thagelund@cityofgolden.net, faxed to 303-384-8104 or dropped off at guest services at the Golden Community Center before the lottery. Forms available: https://rec.cityofgolden.net. A separate lottery will be conducted in May for odd weeks and all youth will attend Splash Aquatic Park field trips on even weeks on their designated day.

Golden Sun Preschool Camp Online Registration
Your child will enjoy a variety of activities including arts/crafts, circle time, stories, interactive play and outdoor play. Snacks are provided. Registration opens Monday, March 24 first come-first served.

Teen Adventure Fridays
Enjoy field trips every other week starting Friday, June 13. Registration fee covers supervision and transportation and teen pays for field trip. Online registration is open for ages 13-16 years. Those turning 13 years old before Oct. 1 are eligible to register.

Lifeguard Training Courses Offered at the GCC
Two Lifeguard Training Courses are offered this spring. Participants in the course will learn American Red Cross Skills for Lifeguarding, CPR/AED and First Aid for the Professional Rescuer. Participants must attend all class times and pass skills/written tests to be certified.

*Jefferson County Spring Break Course:*
  - March 25 to 28, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*April Weekend Course: Saturdays & Sundays*
  - April 12-13 & 19-20, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Last Chance for Pre-Summer Swim Lessons
Get your little one ready for summer swimming! Check out what is available at GCC and register online at rec.cityofgolden.net. Not sure what class to put your child in? Give us a call at 303-384-8100 and we can help.

Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Adult Clinic is designed to teach the beginner golfer everything needed to play golf in just a few lessons. The clinic will be three sessions over a one week period. Each session will feature basic swing mechanics including grip, alignment and posture. Basic rules, etiquette, and tips with an emphasis on having FUN will help improve your overall comfort level on the course.

- **May 12-14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (day 1)**
- **5:30 to 7 p.m. (days 2 & 3)**
- **June 2-4, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (day 1)**
- **5:30 to 7 p.m. (days 2 & 3)**

Get Golf Ready Women’s Clinic
The Get Golf Ready Women’s Only Clinic is a series of three clinics during one week based on the same principles of the Adult Clinic; however, it will be for women only! You will have the opportunity to learn side-by-side with women just like you in a no-pressure learning environment focused on having a good time.

- **May 5-7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (day 1)**
- **5:30 to 7 p.m. (days 2 & 3)**
- **June 16-18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (day 1)**
- **5:30 to 7 p.m. (days 2 & 3)**

The Fossil Five (It’s Time to Play Golf!)
Get Golf Ready graduates are encouraged to take advantage of the Fossil Five, giving you the opportunity to link what you’ve learned to playing five holes. Fossil Five nights will encourage fun, pressure-free golf where you will get comfortable on the course. Get Golf Ready graduates will receive their first Fossil Five outing FREE! $15 per player, cart included. Get Golf Ready Graduates only please.

*Available dates: June 10 & 24, July 8 & 15, Aug. 12 & 26, Sept. 23 & 30*
When the City of Golden’s arborist team removed a tree on the corner of 15th & Washington, they left a delightful surprise for the Foothills Art Center (FAC)... works of art they created from the remains. Those works are still in the sculpture garden outside FAC. It is also the inspiration for the latest exhibit, which begins at the end of this month:

**SPLINTER! COLORADO WOOD TODAY**

**March 29 - May 18**

Enjoy the work of some of Colorado’s most outstanding artists and artisans working with wood. See the intersection between art and craft in the work of Colorado artists who turn, sculpt, paint and highlight the innate qualities of wood in their work. For details on this exhibit, visit foothillsartcenter.org.

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**RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING GOLDEN TEACHERS**

If you know a special teacher who shows a contagious enthusiasm for teaching and learning, now is your chance to honor them. The Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) is holding the 3rd annual Golden Teacher Recognition Awards to reward and encourage excellence in teaching in our neighborhood schools. The eight schools eligible are Mitchell, Kyffin, Pleasant View, Shelton, Ralston and Welchester elementary schools as well as Bell Middle School and Golden High School.

To nominate someone, write a short essay describing the teacher and why they meet the criteria listed in the next column. Essays should be between 200-800 words. Please include your name, the name of your school, and your position in the school. Parents, principals, students, staff members and other teachers are all encouraged to vote.

**AWARD CRITERIA:**

1) Innovative and effective teaching methods that demonstrate clear academic results for students; please describe these results by providing a detailed example(s).

2) Commitment to their students; please explain how the teacher goes above and beyond official job requirements.

3) The ability to work collaboratively with colleagues to create a positive school environment; please illustrate the teacher’s collaboration with peers through one or more examples.

Nominations are due by Friday, March 21. Send your entries via email to pamwaltz@icloud.com or by mail to: Pam Waltz, Golden Schools Foundation Board Member, 300 Cliff Line Rd., Golden, CO 80402. Winners will be announced on the week of May 5, which is Teacher Appreciation Week. For more information, visit www.goldenschoolsfoundation.org.
Golden History Museums’ newest exhibit Made In Golden: Where Innovation Lives has a new interactive component which asks visitors to come up with innovative ideas to solve problems facing our community. The “Innovation Lab” has had great participation with nearly 200 creative responses in its opening months.

The first prompt invited visitors to come up with solutions to help save energy locally, a goal of the City’s Golden Sustainability Initiative.

The Golden Sustainability Initiative strives to lower Golden’s greenhouse gas emissions. Within 10 years, the city aims to reduce energy usage by 25 percent and increase renewable energy sources to 50 percent. If you were part of the initiative, how would you help create a cleaner, more sustainable Golden?

How would you respond? Visitors gave a wide variety of answers… from increasing the use of some already known technologies like “City-wide compost” to the more dramatic “Hydropower on Clear Creek.” Some of the more drastic changes proposed include: “Close off Washington to create a downtown Golden walking mall,” “No More Plastic Bottles,” and “Close off Clear Creek to visitors.” The purpose of the activity is not to determine which ideas are feasible, correct, or worthwhile – but to give visitors an outlet for their thoughts and to encourage creativity.

Another prompt, sponsored by the Golden Fire Department, was inspired by an article in the Golden Informer about Colorado School of Mines students who helped develop a new technology to help the fire department arrive at the scene of an emergency more quickly. Visitors were asked to invent something to help out the firefighters in any aspect of their jobs. We asked for creative and we got it! There were more realistic ideas on how to help stop and prevent forest fires. But there was also a suggestion to use elephants and robots to extinguish fires!

Do you have any innovative ideas that can solve problems here in Golden? Stop by the Golden History Center Tuesday through Sunday to see our newest prompt and share your thoughts about Made in Golden.
Supporting Golden businesses not only boosts our local economy, but also benefits our public schools. Your purchase at a restaurant, retailer or service shop during Buy Golden Week will help fund programs and technology needs at Mitchell and Shelton Elementary Schools, Bell Middle School, Golden High School, Free Horizon Montessori and Connections Learning Center.

But not every business with a Golden address is in the City limits. It’s important to note that Colorado Mills Mall and the Denver West shopping areas are not included as part of the Buy Golden Program. Please remember to support a Golden Business during Buy Golden Week, March 14 - 23, and help make Golden - Golden.

How to Get Involved:
- Visit buygoldenweek.com for a list of Golden businesses
- Sign up for the daily Golden business emails to learn about deals and specials
- Tell others to shop local and support Golden businesses
2014 Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Golden will soon be accepting applications for seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, the Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club.

Be sure to check out our website at http://agency.governmentjobs.com/goldenco/default.cfm for job availability.

Opportunities include:

- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Batting Cage Attendants
- Field Crew
- Field Gym Supervisor
- Youth Sports Coach
- Day Camp Leader
- Day Camp Coordinator
- Parks, Forestry, Cemetery Maintenance
- Golf Maintenance
- Pro-Shop Guest Services at Fossil Trace
- Cashiers and Food & Beverage Workers at The Splash